

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1004

That the Senate recede from its amendments as printed on pages 1571-1574 of the House Journal and pages 1338-1341 of the Senate Journal and that Engrossed House Bill No. 1004 be amended as follows:

Page 1, line 2, remove the first "and"

Page 1, line 3, after "program" insert "; to provide a statement of legislative intent; and to provide for legislative management studies"

Page 1, replace lines 13 through 23 with:

"Salaries and wages	\$54,757,510	\$7,877,277	\$62,634,787
Accrued leave payments	2,223,289	(2,223,289)	0
Operating expenses	37,305,014	6,961,674	44,266,688
Capital assets	2,224,288	1,494,944	3,719,232
Grants	57,510,729	451,031	57,961,760
Tobacco prevention	5,544,251	1,365,926	6,910,177
WIC food payments	<u>24,659,861</u>	<u>(4,459,861)</u>	<u>20,200,000</u>
Total all funds	\$184,224,942	\$11,467,702	\$195,692,644
Less estimated income	<u>139,303,434</u>	<u>4,867,530</u>	<u>144,170,964</u>
Total general fund	\$44,921,508	\$6,600,172	\$51,521,680
Full-time equivalent positions	354.00	11.00	365.00"

Page 2, after line 9, insert:

"Forensic examiner x-ray equipment	0	44,000
WIC system upgrade	0	1,712,110"

Page 2, replace lines 11 through 13 with:

"Total all funds	\$1,245,000	\$2,536,110
Less estimated income	<u>265,000</u>	<u>2,200,110</u>
Total general fund	\$980,000	\$336,000"

Page 3, after line 10, insert:

"SECTION 5. LEGISLATIVE INTENT - GRANTS TO LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH UNITS. It is the intent of the sixty-fourth legislative assembly that, of the funds provided for grants to local public health units in the grants line item in section 1 of this Act, \$250,000 from the general fund be made available for grants to local public health units serving non-oil-producing counties in the state during the biennium beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2017.

SECTION 6. LEGISLATIVE INTENT - RURAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES GRANT DISTRIBUTION. It is the intent of the sixty-fourth legislative assembly that, of the sum of \$7,500,000 provided for rural emergency medical services grants in the grants line item in section 1 of this Act, at least eighty-five percent be distributed to emergency medical services providers that do not receive an oil impact grant during the biennium beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2017.

SECTION 7. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - UNIVERSITY OF NORTH DAKOTA FORENSIC PATHOLOGY CENTER. During the 2015-16 interim, the legislative management shall consider studying the feasibility and desirability of the university of North Dakota acquiring the building that houses the university of North Dakota forensic pathology center. The legislative management shall report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the sixty-fifth legislative assembly.

SECTION 8. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - WASTE MANAGEMENT. During the 2015-16 interim, the legislative management shall consider studying onsite sewage disposal in the state, including areas of the state lacking environmental programs to address onsite sewage disposal, lack of uniform standards for disposal, regulation authority, and the impact of onsite sewage disposal and waste management on industry and the public. The legislative management shall report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the sixty-fifth legislative assembly."

Renumber accordingly

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:

House Bill No. 1004 - State Department of Health - Conference Committee Action

	Base Budget	House Version	Conference Committee Changes	Conference Committee Version	Senate Version	Comparison to Senate
Salaries and wages	\$54,757,510	\$61,864,139	\$770,648	\$62,634,787	\$64,468,676	(\$1,833,889)
Operating expenses	37,305,014	40,605,327	3,661,361	44,266,688	44,606,538	(339,850)
Capital assets	2,224,288	3,488,810	230,422	3,719,232	3,719,232	
Grants	57,510,729	55,901,090	2,060,670	57,961,760	58,961,760	(1,000,000)
Tobacco prevention	5,544,251	6,413,715	496,462	6,910,177	6,913,715	(3,538)
WIC food payments	24,659,861	20,200,000		20,200,000	20,200,000	
Accrued leave payments	2,223,289					
Total all funds	\$184,224,942	\$188,473,081	\$7,219,563	\$195,692,644	\$198,869,921	(\$3,177,277)
Less estimated income	139,303,434	138,320,871	5,850,093	144,170,964	143,920,964	250,000
General fund	\$44,921,508	\$50,152,210	\$1,369,470	\$51,521,680	\$54,948,957	(\$3,427,277)
FTE	354.00	361.00	4.00	365.00	367.00	(2.00)

Department No. 301 - State Department of Health - Detail of Conference Committee Changes

	Adjusts Funding for Health Insurance Premium Increases ¹	Adds Funding for Environmental Health Positions ²	Adds One-Time Funding for Forensic Examiner Equipment ³	Adjusts Funding for Women's Way ⁴	Adjusts Funding for Dental Loan Repayments ⁵	Adjusts Funding for Behavioral Risk Factor State Survey ⁶
Salaries and wages	(\$257,767)	\$560,582				
Operating expenses		117,936		(14,000)		
Capital assets			44,000			
Grants						
Tobacco prevention	(3,538)					
WIC food payments						
Accrued leave payments						
Total all funds	(\$261,305)	\$678,518	\$44,000	(\$14,000)	\$0	\$0
Less estimated income	(108,257)	0	0	(14,000)	0	0
General fund	(\$153,048)	\$678,518	\$44,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
FTE	0.00	4.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

	Increases Funding for Rural EMS Grants ⁷	Increases Funding for Tobacco Prevention ⁸	Adds Funding for Federal Grants ⁹	Adds Funding for Cardiac System of Care ¹⁰	Total Conference Committee Changes
Salaries and wages			\$467,833		\$770,648
Operating expenses			3,357,425	200,000	3,661,361
Capital assets			186,422		230,422
Grants	600,000		1,460,670		2,060,670
Tobacco prevention		500,000			496,462
WIC food payments					
Accrued leave payments					
Total all funds	\$600,000	\$500,000	\$5,472,350	\$200,000	\$7,219,563
Less estimated income	0	500,000	5,472,350	0	5,850,093
General fund	\$600,000	\$0	\$0	\$200,000	\$1,369,470
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4.00

¹ Funding for employee health insurance premiums is adjusted to reflect the revised premium estimate of \$1,130.22 per month and to reflect FTE adjustments made by the conference committee.

² Funding is added for 4 FTE positions in the Environmental Health Section, including municipal facilities (1 FTE position), waste management (1 FTE position), and water quality (2 FTE positions) to meet increased demands in oil-impacted areas, including salaries and wages (\$540,407), related salary increase funding (\$20,175), and operating expenses (\$117,936), the same as the Senate version.

³ One-time funding included in the executive recommendation for digital x-ray equipment for the forensic examiner is added, the same as the Senate version.

⁴ Funding for Women's Way is reduced to provide a total of \$400,000 from the community health trust fund, instead of from the general fund as proposed in the executive recommendation and included in the Senate version.

⁵ Funding for the dental loan repayment program (\$360,000) is provided from the student loan trust fund instead of the community health trust fund. Funding for the dental loan repayment program was provided from the community health trust fund in the executive recommendation and in the House and Senate versions.

⁶ Funding for the behavioral risk factor state survey is adjusted to provide \$24,500 from federal or other funds, and \$496,000 from the community health trust fund, instead of the total funding of \$520,500 provided from the community health trust fund as provided in the executive recommendation and the House and Senate versions.

⁷ Funding is increased by \$600,000 from the general fund for rural emergency medical services (EMS) grants to provide a total of \$8.44 million, of which \$1.25 million is from the insurance tax distribution fund and \$7.19 million is from the general fund. Funding is provided for training grants (\$940,000) and rural EMS grants (\$7,500,000). This level of funding is \$500,000 less than the executive recommendation of \$8.94 million. In addition, a section is added to provide that of the \$7.5 million provided for rural EMS grants, at least 85 percent be distributed to EMS providers that do not receive oil impact grant funding.

⁸ Funding for tobacco prevention is increased to provide for a grant from the Tobacco Prevention and Control Executive Committee to be used for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention *Best Practices for Comprehensive Tobacco Prevention and Control Programs*, the same as the Senate version.

⁹ Federal funding authority is added for federal grants identified by the department, including funding for colorectal cancer screening capacity, stroke prevention, and Ebola emergency preparedness, lab capacity, and hospital preparedness, the same as the Senate version.

¹⁰ Funding is added for cardiac system of care, the same as the Senate version.

This amendment also adds:

- A section of legislative intent to provide that the additional \$250,000 from the general fund provided for grants to local public health units be made available to local public health units serving non-oil-producing counties in the state. This section was not included in the House or Senate version. The conference committee increased funding for grants to local public health units by \$250,000 from the general fund to provide a total of \$4,250,000, the same as the House version. This level of funding is \$500,000 less than the amount approved by the Senate and \$750,000 less than the executive recommendation.
- A section of legislative intent to provide that of the sum of \$7.5 million provided for rural emergency medical services grants, at least 85 percent is to be distributed to emergency medical services providers that do not receive oil impact grant funding. This section was not included in the House or Senate version.
- A section to provide for a Legislative Management study of the feasibility and desirability of the University of North Dakota acquiring the building that houses the University of North Dakota Forensic Pathology Center, the same as the Senate version.
- A section to provide for a Legislative Management study of onsite sewage disposal in the state, including areas of the state lacking environmental programs to address onsite sewage disposal, lack of uniform standards for disposal, regulation authority, and the impact of onsite sewage disposal and waste management on industry and the public, the same as the Senate version.

The conference committee removed a section included by the Senate to provide the State Department of Health increase license fees in the Division of Food and Lodging to generate additional revenue necessary to support a portion of the cost of additional FTE positions.

In addition, the conference committee did not include funding for 2 additional inspection FTE positions in the Division of Food and Lodging (\$326,488), targeted salary equity (\$1,559,659), or additional Environmental Health Section legal fees (\$270,000) included in the executive recommendation and the Senate version.